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March 24, 2005

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**STREET LIGHTING DISTRICTS  
LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING ACT  
ANNUAL ASSESSMENT PROCEDURE - FISCAL YEAR 2005-06  
ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS  
3 VOTES**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

1. Adopt the enclosed Resolution Initiating Proceedings for the levying of annual assessments for street lighting purposes pursuant to provisions of the Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972, Part 2, Division 15, of the Streets and Highways Code of the State of California.
2. Designate the Acting Director of Public Works as the "Engineer" for purposes of implementing this procedure.
3. Authorize the Acting Director of Public Works to prepare and file an Engineer's Report in accordance with Article 4 (commencing with Section 22565), Chapter 1, Part 2, Division 15, of the Streets and Highways Code of the State of California.

### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The purpose of this action is to initiate proceedings for the levying of annual assessments for street lighting purposes and to authorize Public Works to prepare the required annual Engineer's Report.

This Board action only initiates the assessment process and does not in itself establish any assessment rates.

On July 24, 1979, your Board approved the formation of County Lighting District Landscape and Lighting Act-1 to provide supplemental funds for the operation of street lights in County-administered lighting districts pursuant to provisions of the Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972, Part 2, Division 15, of the Streets and Highways Code of the State of California. Each subsequent year, your Board has renewed annual street lighting assessments for supplemental funds. Similar action is now needed to enable us to keep all of the Districts' street lights in operation during Fiscal Year 2005-06.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

This action is consistent with the County Strategic Plan Goal of Fiscal Responsibility, as the renewal of the street lighting assessments provides the funding necessary for the operation and maintenance of street lighting facilities within the County-administered lighting districts. It also satisfies the Goal of Service Excellence since maintaining street lighting services provides for the convenience and safety of the motoring public, as well as for the safety and security of people and property, which improves the quality of life in the County.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

Sufficient funds are included in the current County-administered lighting districts budget for the preparation of the annual Engineer's Report.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

The Landscaping and Lighting Act and the California Constitution set forth procedures that must be followed for any fiscal year during which an assessment is to be levied. The Landscaping and Lighting Act requires that the legislative body adopt a Resolution

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Initiating Proceedings generally describing any proposed improvements or substantial changes in existing improvements. The Board must also order the engineer to prepare and file a report in accordance with Section 22565 et seq. of the Streets and Highways Code.

In a few weeks, we will submit for your approval the required Engineer's Report and Resolutions to establish the assessments for Fiscal Year 2005-06.

**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

Not applicable.

**CONCLUSION**

At such time as these recommendations may be approved, please return one approved copy of this letter and signed Resolution to Public Works; the County Assessor, Ownership Services Section (Soledad Osborne); and Auditor-Controller, Tax Section (Kevin Aikens).

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD L. WOLFE  
Acting Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office  
County Counsel

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
RESOLUTION INITIATING PROCEEDINGS FOR THE  
LEVYING OF ASSESSMENTS FOR STREET LIGHTING PURPOSES  
FISCAL YEAR 2005-06  
PURSUANT TO PROVISIONS OF THE  
LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING ACT OF 1972  
(PART 2, DIVISION 15, STREETS AND HIGHWAYS CODE,  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA)**

WHEREAS, on July 24, 1979, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles approved the formation of County Lighting District LLA-1 to provide supplemental funds for the operation of street lights in County-administered lighting districts pursuant to provisions of the Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972, Part 2, Division 15, of the Streets and Highways Code of the State of California; and

WHEREAS, said procedure requires the legislative body to adopt a Resolution Initiating Proceedings generally describing any proposed improvements or substantial changes in existing improvements and authorizes the engineer to prepare and file a report in accordance with Section 22565 et seq. of the Streets and Highways Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, State of California, that:

SECTION 1. The Board proposes to establish an assessment for street lighting purposes for the Fiscal Year 2005-06 to be levied against properties in County Lighting District LLA-1, including those city zone properties within the lighting district pursuant to provisions of the Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972, Part 2, Division 15, of the Streets and Highways Code of the State of California.

SECTION 2. The Board proposes to include the following improvements:

- a. Additional street lights installed within the existing lighting districts in compliance with procedures set forth in the Streets and Highways Code.
- b. New street lighting systems installed in response to property owner petitions filed and processed in compliance with procedures set forth in the Streets and Highways Code.
- c. New street lighting systems installed in new land developments pursuant to the requirements of Titles 21 and 22, County of Los Angeles Code (the Subdivision and Zoning Ordinances) of the County of Los Angeles.
- d. Repair or replacement of obsolete street lighting equipment within County-administered lighting districts.

SECTION 3. The Acting Director of Public Works is hereby authorized to prepare and file a report in accordance with Article 4 (commencing with Section 22565), Chapter 1, Part 2, Division 15, of the Streets and Highways Code of the State of California.

The foregoing Resolution was on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex-officio of the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies, and authorities for which said Board so acts.

VIOLET VARONA-LUKENS  
Executive Officer of the  
Board of Supervisors of the  
County of Los Angeles

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.  
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By Fremi E Scott  
Deputy